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See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and Industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

Box No. II Priority

1. The validity of the priority claim has not been considered because the International Searching Authority does not have in its possession a copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed or, where required, a translation of that earlier application. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1) is the claimed priority date.
2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-16
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	
	No:	Claims	1-16
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-16
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations**see separate sheet**

Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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International application**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)****PCT/GB2005/000227****Re Item V.****1. Reference is made to the following documents:**

D1 : WO 92/08679 A (GUELS, VOLKER) 29 May 1992 (1992-05-29)

2. NOVELTY:

The document D1 discloses (claim 1) air-drying binders based on polybutadiene, aliphatic hydrocarbons p.ex. test benzine and /or turpentine.

As turpentine pine oil is used (claim 10).

The presence of the aliphatic hydrocarbon solvent and the turpentine regulates the viscosity and the drying time of the binder (p. 7, l. 28-p.8, l. 2)

The binders further contain driers which are organometallic salts of cobalt, lead, magnesium and /or manganese (claims 5,6) .

These binders are mixed with building materials as sand, glass, cement etc, and these products are used for producing amongst others consolidate areas such as sidewalks, backyard paving (claims 14-18).

Accordingly the present application does not meet the criteria of Art. 33 (1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1-16 is not new in the sense of Art. 33(2) PCT.

Re item VIII.**CLARITY:**

1. The terms "base material and binder" used in claims 1 and 16 are vague and unclear and leave the reader in doubt as to the meaning of the technical features to which they refer.

The terms "cross-linking agent, solvent and cure retarder" used in claims 1 and 16 are very broad and they lack support in the description.

Hence, the definition of the subject-matter of claims 1 and 16 is unclear, Article 6 PCT.

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2. Claims 14 and 15 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claims attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved, which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem, without providing the technical features necessary for achieving this result.